

Jan. 23, 1973 - Tuesday

Dear Vicki and Jim,

Thanks for your nice letter. Your stay in California sounded like fun and I am glad you went to Disneyland. I hope you get to go on your skiing trip. Maybe I will take skiing lessons next year. Mary's ski equipment is here, not being used.

It was really nice of you to call tonight Jim. We just hung up. It is a birthday present that I like the best. You will learn a lot in your second session of bridge lessons. You both have already learned so much in a short time I can't believe it.

Dad's office ordered one of those little computers and Dad loves it so much he brings it home all the time.

We are having a safe installed in the house Thursday. It is a new idea that is becoming very popular here. We know the man who is selling them and after seeing Benson's I wanted one also. It is about 3x3x3 and is bolted down on the floor

and it is burglar proof as well as fire proof. The key is a little round disc and if it is lost it can only be replaced by going to Sweden.

The price of the sofa is \$150.00. I am going to have it put in the laundry room. I will put the post cards in it. I also have a safety deposit box at the bank which I won't need now.

My brother sends flowers to Stella and me on our birthdays so Dad is going to send flowers to Ruth on her birthday, the 26th. Jim and Ruth are coming in Friday night and we are having cocktails at Benson's and then will go to the Swedish Club for dinner. On Stella's birthday we had cocktails at our house but in the meantime several of my neighbors decided to stop by - Forrest, Carlsons and Triggs and we had to all leave with the neighbors still in the house but they stayed and had a party and cleaned up everything before leaving and turned off the radio and lights.

I called Gail tonight and she was just leaving for her "Fascinating Women's" class. Mary took it last year with Ruthie & Jeanne & Sandy. It is quite ridiculous and I couldn't stand reading the book but I guess it is kind of a fun class.

Mooreheads were over for dinner & bridge Saturday night. We had a slight lead but at the last they made a seven no trump vulnerable slam so wound up beating me.

Mary and Mike come over to get a dress I had fitted for Mary and it was too bad that we expected company but they didn't want to stay long anyway.

Robbie is over every day. He said when he is in pre-school, he just thinks of me. I am teaching him lots of Swedish words. No more naps for me but I have never felt better.

I am playing lots of duplicate. There were seventeen tables today. The top was twelve. We played thirteen tables. My partner & I came in second. Did I tell you I received my card from the A.C.B.L. saying I am now advanced Senior Master. (over)

The next rating is life master.

More later.

Love,

Mom,

Mary plans to write soon but I
will get her address and send
it to you. She doesn't have a
telephone in her motel apt. but
she can call me from work on
a span line.